

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Howard Kennedy was born on April 13, 1928, at Beresford, South Dakota, to Walter and Ethel Kennedy; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Howard attended Milbrook Rural School, Beresford High School, and Sioux Falls College before he began his career of farming and feeding cattle; and,

Whereas, Howard married Alice Mae Larson on October 5, 1949, and to this union five children were born: Laurel, Jack, Margaret, Tom, and Ruth. Fredrik was an additional blessing to their family from Sweden along with 23 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Howard served as the mayor of Beresford for 8 years and as a State Representative for 12 years, and several other community organizations; and,

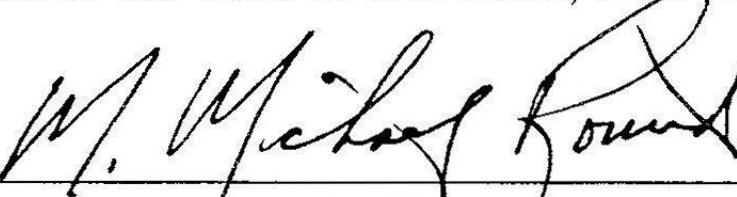
Whereas, Howard will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather for an open house on April 12, 2008, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2008, as

HOWARD KENNEDY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

